

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 12th September 1997

In the previous sermon I mentioned the awful Drama enacted in Gambia and spoke of a few of the characters who are playing a very ugly role in this Drama. I spoke of the Imam who plays a most crucial role and who has made very crude allegations against the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and used filthy language against him and that he has now accepted the *Mubahila* [Quranic prayer duel] and now the *Mubahila* is On in the arena. Although it was said that this *Mubahila* is now on there was no mention in the entire sermon that the Ahmadiyya Community is announcing the beginning of a political battle against the government of Gambia. On one side there are the Gambian powers that are evil in character and from the midst of whom we have moved off. On the other side are the angels of God and they will do their task. Thus within a week those angels of God descended and showed astonishing things which we could not even have imagined.

As I had announced about General Zia after seeing a vision that now the mill of God is in action and Zia was blown into bits before the following Friday and all the governmental agencies have come to the final conclusion about it that there was no chance of any human intervention in it. Once again God has not kept us waiting for long and has blown this Mullah into dust [in the period] between the previous sermon and this sermon and he has been disgraced and humiliated.

The way that the Gambian government has shifted no longer requires me to mention the things I had said I would because the president has overruled this case but it is important to say a few things about 2 people that is Mullah [Abdoulie] Fatty and [Buba] Bojang the Minister for Religious Affairs. This is the same Bojang who had pushed away the *Mubahila* papers out of malice. I cannot imagine that God would not throw him aside and humiliate [him] in the same way. I would nevertheless answer the nonsense uttered by Mullah Fatty in 'Liqa Ma al-'Arab'. Such allegations have also been answered before many times. But the intention here is to convey these things in particular to Ghana so I have directed that Dish Antennas be installed everywhere so that people can listen to the replies to these allegations directly from the centre.

Imam Fatty's father is unknown. His mother brought him over from Guinea-Bissau. He isn't even a Gambian national. From that day to this day nobody knows nor has sought to find out who his father is. There are all sorts of rumours doing the rounds in the village which do not concern us. In 1996 the Imam of the Kaaba appointed him as the Imam of the mosque in the State House of Gambia. In his sermons from 6th June 1997 – 22nd August he spoke crudely against His Holiness the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and the Jamat making the same decayed and derided allegations raised by the Maulvis of Pakistan against the Jamat which I have summarised [in the *Mubahila*].

He had accepted the *Mubahila* Challenge on 22nd August but the Jamat was not early told about it so that God may show some Sign and that the innocent Gambian Ahmadis can be removed safely unharmed if there is any mischief, because the Minister for Religious Affairs was making no secret and openly threatening to kill Ahmadis but was announcing that if

Ahmadis are in danger they should come to us and we would take care of their lives and properties. This is how they had copied the government of Pakistan. I was restful when he accepted the *Mubahila* but gripped with fear for those who had departed from there. However the vision I saw informed me that there was no need for me to worry.

I saw in a vision that I stand upon a very tall building. It is so tall that it reaches the cloud-line and it is the building of a mosque - A mosque always means the Community. So the first thing is God's assuring that nobody can touch the lofty Jamat. I see people from above looking like small minuscule curvilinear beings who await me. Some of them are from Qadian and some are from Spain. These are both places from which the Jamat has been exiled and both about which there is glad tidings of return. I see it in the dream as a Miniature of the entire history and I feel in the dream as if this scene is being shown as a child in the mother's womb undergoes the history of a Billion years of evolution which does not take a Billion years but is instead completed in 9 months. In the dream a beautiful comb comes out of my pocket and I tell those gathered from top to bottom that this is my sign I am throwing down to you. Although I never usually carry a comb with me. The purpose of a comb is to remove dirt, to cleanse and align the hair. This reveals that along with promises of return it is also important to coordinate and align the Jamats. Anyhow after this the people cannot come to the top because it is very high. I come down and enter the roofed courtyard of the mosque. It is strange that I recall nothing of how I alighted from such a height but I peep out from the window to see that some of the people are coming up. These include non-Ahmadis, priests and other dignitaries who come up to welcome me first. I also welcome them and look to those below who tell me that they have sent them first because although they are not Ahmadis they still hold affectionate and kind sentiments for the Jamat.

When I woke up and thought about this dream there was no doubt that it was about those who were driven out of Gambia. It is impossible for the Ahmadis not to leave Gambia freely, also the non-Ahmadi Christians shown in Gambia, clearly reveals that Gambian Christians, and other non-Ahmadis would await them. Although they were not shown leaving but they could not have returned unless they had left. This vision was seen 2 or 3 days before the previous Friday Sermon. I immediately said to the Additional Wakilut-Tabshir that they would certainly leave safely. This is exactly how they left through the extraordinary succour and help of Allah the Almighty in the process which invigorates one's faith and Allah the Almighty assured us in the restlessness we had before last Friday as to why this case is not being resolved in many ways. The greatest assurance was given in the words 'Is not Allah all sufficient for His servant?' upon which I felt regret and offered *Istighfar*.

In spite of the change in situation it is important to say a few things about the Minister for Religious Affairs. He continuously told false things to Imam Fatty and incited him to fight with the Divine destiny. Every time whenever any Ahmadi met him he spoke filth about the Ahmadiyya Community and the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and fully backed Imam Fatty. He held a Press Conference and also invited our respected Amir. He went there with a representative and again spoke vehemently against the Jamat. Our respected Amir is a brave young person who said that 'What you say is nonsense and if it is so then I am leaving.' He grabbed him by the collar saying 'I can get you killed'. Thereupon he also grabbed him by the collar and a punch-up ensued between the both of them. After all this when the respected Amir was about to leave he said that 'Look whatever happened was the result of misunderstanding'. Moreover he cleverly alleged in the Press Conference he held that the Ahmadi centre is accepting hearsay. The lives and properties of Ahmadis here is in no danger et cetera and that Imam Fatty's filthy tongue has ruptured Gambia.

The steps the President has now taken and the statements printed in the newspapers say that Imam Fatty is a filthy and idiotic person. What nonsense he uttered he did of his own accord and it has nothing to do with the government of Gambia and he has written to all the media and publicity agencies that they should not report anything said by this rascal. Whether it be on Radio TV, inside or outside the mosque. Secondly that Ahmadis are Muslims and no worldly power can declare them non-Muslims in Gambia. Ahmadis are permitted to present their beliefs as Muslims on our TV and Radio. That this is a Secular government and Islamic hatred will not be allowed to interfere in it etc

See that not even a week had passed when God revealed the result in the arena. Now this Imam Fatty says that he was sent false reports, the President has finished me. If he is a man of honour he should return back to the country from where he came and some newspapers have begun saying this. This is the destiny of the *Mubahila* which has appeared. Within a week all the schemes of Gambia have been rubbed into the dust. I have no doubt that the Minister for Religious Affairs is a disgusting person. Keep praying for Imam Fatty and this person so that the mill that has been activated would keep grinding on.

When the Doctors were exiled it was due to the intent to raise mischief against them. Then one day during the *Tahajjud* prayer I felt for the poor people there who are used to frequenting the Ahmadi hospital I decided that Mr. Laiq Ansari and Dr. Nusrat Pasha should be sent back immediately regardless of the danger to their lives. So it was decided that they both should return and this announcement of mine was made before their proceedings. Upon their return the decent people there [both] great and small expressed their severe distress and anger and hatred at the manoeuvres of the government. One newspaper wrote openly that ‘O Ahmadi Doctors who have been driven out! You are very dear to us. You should return to us. All the people of Gambia await your return.’ Then when my decision reached them they wrote ‘*Thanks to Huzur for his having taken mercy upon the poor people of Gambia and ordering the immediate return of the doctors.*’ I am sure that the joy of the people of Gambia at their return and their welcome would be a historic occasion. However we would have to wait a little before sending back the rest.

The answer to the allegations of Imam Fatty which is to be given is a separate issue and does not relate to the government of Gambia. I admonish my friends to be immensely grateful to God for this Sign. The Jamats all over the world should join me in this thanksgiving celebration which would be a celebration of prostrations. Pray that Almighty God may also safeguard the Jamats from tribulations in future and that this year may shine forth in Gambia with a new glory and God will do this, I am sure of it. Incidentally in this *Mubahila* we also need to take note of the Rajah I had mentioned last time. I have not the slightest doubt that this *Mubahila* year would reveal itself to the world in its full glory.